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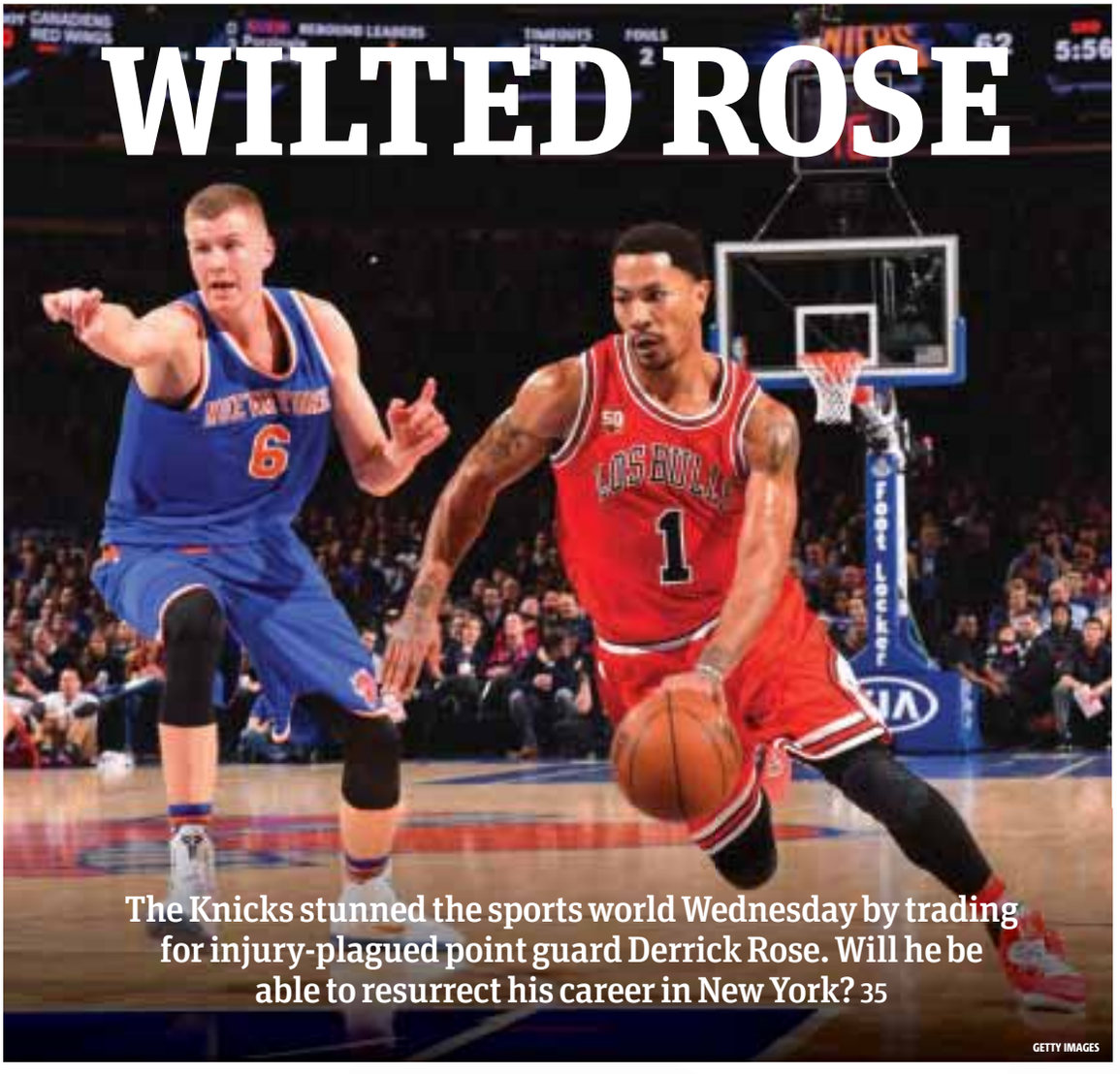

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3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

SENATE VOTES DOWN PROPOSAL TO EXPAND FBI SURVEILLANCE POWERS

1 The U.S. Senate on Wednesday voted down a Republican-backed proposal to expand the Federal Bureau of Investigation's secretive surveillance powers after the mass shooting at an Orlando gay nightclub last week. The legislation would have broadened the type of telephone and internet records the FBI could request from companies like Alphabet Inc. and Verizon without a warrant to include email metadata and some internet browsing activity. REUTERS

MICHIGAN AG SUES TWO COMPANIES IN FLINT WATER CRISIS

2 The Michigan attorney general said on Wednesday his office has sued two engineering services companies for "botching" their roles in the city of Flint's drinking water crisis that exposed residents to dangerously high lead levels. Attorney General Bill Schuette said at a news conference in Flint that the civil lawsuit was filed in Genesee County Circuit Court against Veolia Environnement SA and Houston-based Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam. The lawsuit charged Veolia with professional negligence and fraud that caused Flint's the lead poisoning to continue and worsen, and LAN with professional negligence. Schuette said the state is seeking damages from the companies that could total hundreds of millions of dollars. His office said additional claims against the firms or others may be filed in the future. REUTERS

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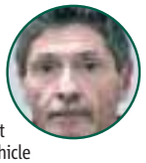

3 A Michigan driver charged with murder in the deaths of five cyclists is also being charged with five counts of operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing death, Kalamazoo County Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Getting said on Wednesday. In addition, Charles Edward Pickett Jr. was charged with four counts of operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing serious injury related to four additional cyclists who were hurt in the same June 7 car crash, bringing to 14 the total number of charges against him. Getting said Pickett was under the influence of a controlled substance at the time of the crash. He did not elaborate. The cyclists were struck along the shoulder of a road in Cooper Township, 45 miles south of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Five of the cyclists were pronounced dead at the scene. REUTERS

A small shop in the East Village GETTY IMAGES

New survey: NYC gets C+ on friendliness toward small business

Agency challenges accuracy of Thumbtack report, saying mayor has made giving entrepreneurs assistance a priority.

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When it comes to cozying up to small businesses, New York state and New York City could both be a lot more friendly.

Thumbtack, a hiring marketplace for professionals, released a report Wednesday that ranked New York as the fourth-least-friendly state in the country for entrepreneurs with an overall D grade.

For the survey, called the Small Business Friendliness Survey, Thumbtack reached out to 12,000 business owners across the nation to get their perceptions of government policies.

The state's overall grade is based on its tax code and labor regulations, with the former getting a grade of F and the latter getting a D.

Thumbtack also graded New York City, giving it an overall C+, with ease of hiring receiving an A+, regulations a C+, tax code a C+, training and networking programs a B- and ease of starting a business a D+.

"Skilled professionals on Thumbtack report that when government regulations complicate obtaining licenses and permits, hiring employees and paying taxes, it is harder to start and grow a business," said Lucas Puente, economist for Thumbtack. "These insights provide a roadmap for policymakers to create environments that foster entrepreneurship and innovation-outcomes critical for continued economic growth."

Although the report gave the state and city low grades, both areas have been actively pushing to create initiatives and programs aimed at helping entrepreneurs.

The state's Division for Small Business Services and Community Economic Development was created in the New York State Economic Development Law to represent the interests of small businesses and help such companies expand.

Assistance is offered to minority and women-owned businesses throughout the state and there are resources online for any entrepreneurs with questions.

In New York City, the Department of Small Business Services (SBS) strongly disputed the findings, citing the small sampling of businesses. New York city alone has 220,000 small businesses.

According to SBS, city rules and regulation are transparent and accessible in multiple languages with the goal to help businesses avoid fines and violations. In the past year, the number of fines assessed against small business dropped by 50 percent.

SBS also operates seven Business Solution Centers across the five boroughs where entrepreneurs can attend free business courses, access finance assistance, get employee training and also free legal advice.

The city also offers tailored services to low-income and immigrant women entrepreneurs to provide them with the tools they need to grow their businesses.

The agency has outreach efforts to businesses owner so they are informed about services and any help they can receive.

200K
NYC SMALL BUSINESSES

Tax reforms

Last year, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced tax reforms that through a new corporate-tax structure would offer lower tax rates to small businesses and manufacturers.

"Mayor de Blasio has made small businesses a priority by creating mandates to move government out of the way — through the plan Small Business First," said Gregg Bishop, SBS Commissioner. "SBS is actively implementing this plan in coordination with 14 other city agencies — and we are seeing the results.

"The city has also implemented tax reforms that provide relief to businesses and manufacturers, encouraging them to stay or relocate to New York City," he said.

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NYC is 11th in worldwide ranking of most expensive cities for expats

Survey compares costs for housing, transportation, entertainment, food.

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New York city has moved up five spots in a listing of the world's most expensive places for expats to live, although it still didn't crack the top 10, and continued to trail last year's leader, Luanda, Angola's capital.

According to consulting firm Mercer's 22nd annual Cost of Living Survey, in the last year the Big Apple went from 16th worldwide list to 11th.

New York is the only U.S. city the top 25 — with San Francisco and Los Angeles coming in at 26th and 27th, respectively.

The survey — which includes over 375 cities across the world and focuses on how expensive it is for expatriates to live in particular cities — measures comparatives costs of more than 200 items including the cost of housing, transportation, food, clothing, household items, and entertainment.

This survey comes about a month after the National Low Income Housing Coalition released a report that revealed that residents in New York City have to make an hourly wage of at least $30 in order to afford a two-bedroom home and live comfortably. Even for a studio apartment, residents are required to make at least $24.87 per hour to afford to pay rent.

According to Mercer's survey, cities in the United States have climbed in the rankings since last year due to the strength of the dollar against other currencies. Other U.S. cities that jumped on the list were Seattle, which went up 23 spots to 83th, and Boston, up 17 spots to 47th on the list.

Hong Kong tops Mercer's list as the most expensive city, with Luanda, Angola, dropping a spot to No. 2 and Zurich, Switzerland remaining in third place.

Luanda's poor get by on as little as $17 a month, but life is glamorous and costly for well-paid expats in the bustling seaside Angolan capital, which is enjoying a resurgence after three decades of civil war.

NYC prices

$5.1K

In New York City, the cost of renting a two-bedroom unfurnished apartment of "international standards in an appropriate neighborhood" comes out to $5,100 a month.

$15.50
movie tickets

$8.74
$8.74 for a fast-food hamburger

$58
A pair of blue jeans

$2.28
A cup of coffee

$2.39
mineral water

Johannesburg

$1.1K

In Johannesburg, South Africa — 205th on Mercer's list — rent for a two-bedroom unfurnished apartment of similar standards to the NYC apartment is $1,139.43.

$4.18
movie tickets

$2.85
$8.74 for a fast-food hamburger

Manhattan GETTY IMAGES

$30/HR
HOURLY WAGE TO AFFORD A TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT IN NYC IS $30

$24/HR
HOURLY WAGE TO AFFORD A STUDIO APARTMENT IN NYC IS $24.87

Where to rent in NYC based on your college major

A new report has analyzed typical starting salaries associated with different college majors and determined which New York City neighborhoods could provide the best housing options based on that degree.

With its well-known steep cost of living, New York City presents housing challenges to recent graduates looking to get by on an entry-level salary, but StreetEasy's newly released interactive map aimed to direct young professionals to neighborhoods where they could get the most bang for their degreed buck.

By cross-referencing expected salaries, percentage of income one would spend on monthly rent, number of roommates desired and number of available units in various neighborhoods, StreetEasy was able to tell users where they should focus their apartment-hunting efforts.

Business grads make bank

Nearly a quarter of all recent college graduates were business majors, StreetEasy found, and they could expect an average starting salary of $56,550, putting their monthly rent (based on 30 percent of income going toward housing) just north of $1,400 and slightly lower than the group with the highest expected income: engineering majors.

Philosophy and religious studies majors can expect the lowest starting salary at $27,530.

View an interactive map at **metro.us**

You got to start somewhere (in the outer boroughs)

A rule of thumb, according to StreetEasy, would be to keep housing costs at or below 30 percent of income, which makes Manhattan's median studio/one-bedroom rent of $2,800 too high for even some of the most well-paid recent grads.

StreetEasy recommended that college grads consider the other boroughs, where median rents can be less than half of what it costs in Manhattan, such as in the Bronx and Staten Island, or generally more affordable, such as in Astoria, Queens; and Bed-Stuy, Crown Heights and Bushwick, Brooklyn.

Also, the real estate site recommended taking on a roommate. While living with another person may not save money on a month-by-month basis, it opens up a larger selection of possibilities when it comes to units that would be within your budget.

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WTC's Liberty Park to open next week

The elevated park will reportedly open next week at the World Trade Center.

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Rendering of the park PORT AUTHORITY OF NY AND NJ; OTHER PHOTOS FROM TWITTER

The World Trade Center's long-awaited Liberty Park will reportedly open to the public next week.

The one-acre elevated green space sits at a height of 25 feet above the ground and overlooks the 9/11 Memorial. A Port Authority spokesman told DNAinfo that an exact date for the opening will be announced later this week.

The park began construction in 2013. It sits atop a security center that protects the site against unauthorized vehicles. About $50 million was allocated to its construction by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The St. Nicholas National Shrine, which will be located nearby, will continue construction and is reportedly slated to open in 2018. The shrine is in honor of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, which was destroyed in the 2001 terror attack.

WTC officials have kept the public up to date with the park's progress on their Twitter account, @WTCProgress.

"World Trade Center Liberty Park 'living wall' installation continues," the account tweeted on June 17, along with photos of crews putting finishing touches on the park's leaf-lined wall.

NYPD Mounted Unit cops chase, capture fleeing mugging suspect

Even with a head start, one suspect — who allegedly punched and mugged a woman at a Manhattan subway station — could not get away from a cop duo and their trusted stallions.

NYPD Mounted Unit Police Officer Andrew Youssef was assisting civilians with directions near Sixth Avenue and West 47th Street with his horse, Brooklyn, at around 8 p.m. Monday when someone advised him that there had been a fight near the Rockefeller Center subway station, according to police.

Police officers David Stagliano, left, and Andrew Yousseff with their horses Brooklyn and Pugsley. WNYPD

When Youssef went to investigate the area, he saw a man exit the station and moments later, a 23-year-old woman with a bruised face ran out of the train station and said that she had been punched in her face and had her purse stolen.

Once the 10-year NYPD veteran realized that the thief fit the description of the man he just saw leaving the station, he called for backup and went after the man on his horse.

Youssef and Brooklyn caught up with the suspect just a short distance away on West 47th Street, police said, stopped him in his tracks and brought him back to the subway station where the woman confirmed he was her attacker.

NYPD Mounted Unit Officer David Stagliano and his horse, Pugsley, helped in the capture of the suspect, authorities said.

The suspect — later identified as 23-year-old Michael Reddish —was charged with robbery, the New York Daily News reported. The victim was taken to Mount Sinai West Hospital to be treated for her injuries.

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Holland Tunnel trio with gun arsenal was on 'rescue mission'

Three people arrested on Tuesday when authorities found a cache of weapons inside their truck at the entrance to the Holland Tunnel were allegedly on a journey to "rescue" a teenage girl in Brooklyn.

The trio, consisting of John Cramsey, 50, Dean Smith, 53, and Kimberly Arendt, 29, all of Pennsylvania, face charges of illegal possession of guns and ammunition.

Initially pulled over around 8 a.m. on Tuesday for a cracked windshield as they approached the Holland Tunnel in New Jersey, authorities later uncovered a trove of guns along with marijuana and drug paraphernalia, NBC4 reported. Their colorful pickup truck had images of the U.S. Constitution and was emblazoned in several spots with "Higher Ground Tactical," a Pennsylvania gun range reportedly owned by Cramsey.

Weapons included a pump action shotgun, an SAR-98 assault rifle, four 9mm pistols, one .45 caliber pistol, a bulletproof camouflage helmet, tactical goggles, night-vision goggles and body armor.

While en route to New York, the suspects posted photos online and claimed they were vigilantes who were going to "extricate" a girl being held by a drug dealer in a Brooklyn hotel room, police said.

Authorities reportedly investigated that claim and assisted the girl in question before determining she was in good condition and was not being held against her will.

An ammo box seized by authorities in the trio's truck had a sticker that read "shoot your local heroin dealer," NBC4 stated, adding that Cramsey's 20-year-old daughter died from a heroin overdose four months ago in Pennsylvania.

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The cast of "Hamilton" GETTY IMAGES

'Hamilton' ticket scammer gets up to 3 years in jail

Couple paid $150 apiece for bogus tickets to sold-out Broadway musical.

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A man convicted of selling bogus tickets to hit Broadway show "Hamilton" was sentenced this week.

Anthony Huger, 32, was indicted in April for selling and attempting to sell forged tickets to the Tony award winner for best musical. According to the New York Daily News, Huger was sentenced Tuesday to one to three years in prison for the scam.

Huger advertised the tickets on Craigslist and sold or tried to sell fake tickets three times, according to the Manhattan DA's office.

He allegedly sold three forged tickets for $450 to a Westchester couple, who discovered they were phony at the theater entrance in January.

About a month later, the wife of another victim suspected a pair of $300 tickets were forged, and contacted police.

Working with cops, the woman met Huger to buy four more tickets, at which time he was busted with those fake tickets and two additional ones, according to prosecutors.

"Scammers pick the hottest tickets in town in order to trap unwitting victims," District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. said.

> *"Scammers pick the hottest tickets in town in order to trap unwitting victims."*
> Vance Jr.

"As a Grammy- and Pulitzer-winning musical that is sold out through January 2017, 'Hamilton' fits the bill. I urge theatergoers only to purchase tickets through authorized vendors, and to beware of deals that seem too good to be true."

BRONX MUGGING

NYPD seeks suspect who mugged 82-year-old Bronx woman

Authorities have released footage of a man suspected of mugging an elderly woman in the Bronx earlier this month.

Around 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, near the corner of Clay Avenue and East 170 Street in Claremont, an 82-year-old woman was pushed to the ground and had her purse forcibly taken from her, police said.

The suspect, an adult man, fled with her purse, which contained $37, authorities added. The woman was uninjured in the incident.

The suspect NYPD

Police described the suspect as approximately 5-foot-7 and last seen wearing a black baseball cap, hoodie, blue jeans and black sneakers.

Anyone with information in regards to this robbery should call the NYPD Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS or, for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA. Or, submit tips at the Crime Stoppers website at NYPDCrimeStoppers.com.

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Queens man arrested over loud speakers

The speakers NYPD

The noise issued from his van.

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Over the weekend, a Queens man was arrested for playing loud music from his van, which was allegedly outfitted with approximately 80 individual speakers.

Authorities arrested Nelson Hidalgo after they received several noise complaints shortly before 11 p.m. on Saturday in the Willets Point area, NBC4 reported. He was charged with criminal nuisance, unreasonable noise, unlawful assembly and other offenses.

When police arrived at the corner of 35th Avenue and 127th Street, a crowd of approximately 40 people was gathered around the van as music blared, QNS.com reported. Hidalgo, who was in the passenger seat of the parked vehicle adjusting the sound settings when police arrived, told authorities he spent thousands on the stereo system.

"The vehicle is mine. I spent over $20,000 on this equipment," Hidalgo was quoted by QNS.com. "I know it's illegal, but it's the weekend. How come I don't get a ticket this time? I usually get a ticket or it gets thrown out or I pay a little fee."

Police confiscated the van when they arrested Hidalgo, NBC4 added.

Hidalgo was expected to return to court in connection to his arrest on Aug. 1, QNS.com added.

"I know it's illegal, but it's the weekend. ... I usually get a ticket or it gets thrown out or I pay a little fee." Hidalgo

COP CONVICTED

NYPD officer convicted of molesting young girl for years

An NYPD officer was convicted Wednesday on charges he sexually abused a child during repeated stays at her family's home, the Brooklyn District Attorney's office announced.

Jacob Sabbagh, 34, of Brooklyn, was accused of molesting the victim for nearly three years, starting when she was just 10 years old. A Brooklyn Supreme Court jury convicted him of second-degree course of sexual conduct against a child.

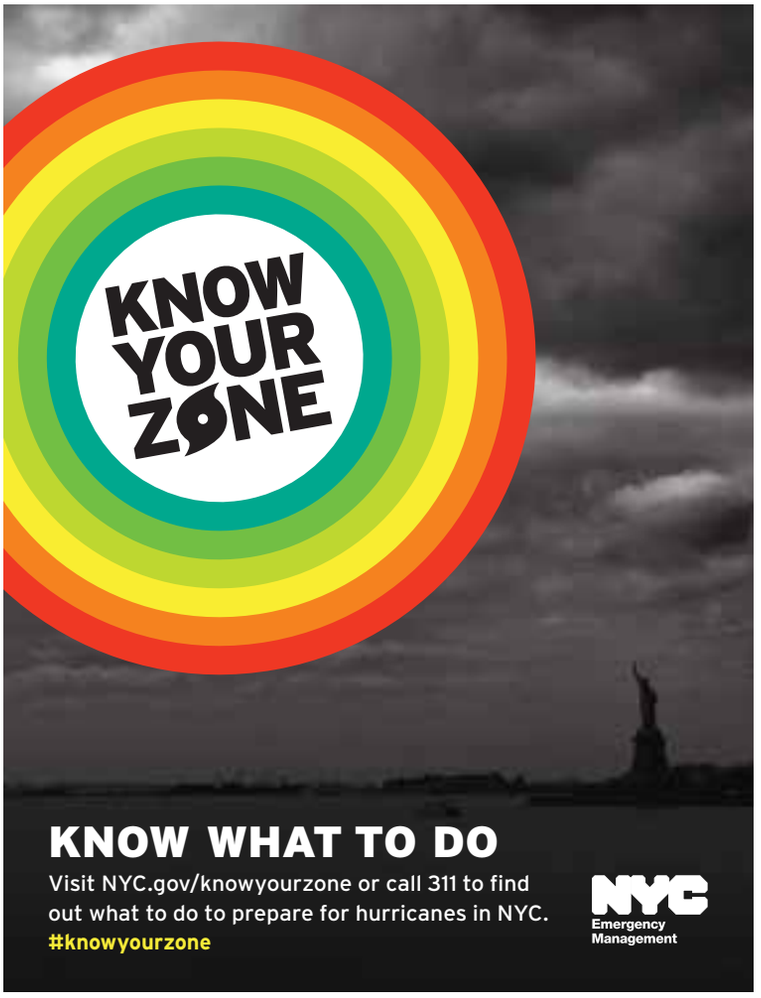
According to witness testimony, Sabbagh was a family friend of the victim who would sleep over at her home about one night a month, according to the district attorney's office. On each of those visits from June 2005 to March 2008, Sabbagh groped and fondled the victim, and on one occasion forced her to reciprocate.

He then joined the NYPD in 2009, after he stopped abusing the girl.

The family moved out of the country, but the girl later told her mother about the abuse, who reported it to authorities. Prosecutors said Sabbagh admitted to the sexual abuse and apologized to the victim during a controlled telephone call.

"This is a disturbing case where a young child was sexually abused and repeatedly violated by a family friend — now a police officer — whom she should have been able to trust," Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson said in a statement. "The victim had the courage to speak out against the abuser and we will now see that he is punished."

Sabbagh is scheduled to return to court for his sentencing on Sept. 7. He faces up to seven years in prison. CHRIS CAESAR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Trump calls Clinton 'corrupt,' attacks her policy record

The candidate accused his rival of corruption in a speech in New York, a tactic the Clinton campaign called "nutty."

Trump went after Clinton during a speech Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump lashed out at his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton's policies and personal record on Wednesday, accusing her of perfecting "the politics of personal profit and theft."

In a fiery speech in New York that Clinton's campaign called "nutty" and "hypocritical," Trump argued that the former secretary of state is part of a political establishment that has cheated American workers through bad trade deals and endangered U.S. national security.

Trying to revitalize his White House campaign after firing his campaign manager and reporting poor fundraising numbers this week, Trump painted a picture of Clinton as an unethical insider.

"Hillary Clinton may be the most corrupt person ever to seek the presidency of the United States," he said, accusing her of having run the State Department "like her own personal hedge fund."

The businessman also repeated accusations that Clinton's decisions as America's top diplomat were influenced by donations to her family's Clinton Foundation and associated charities.

Clinton and her staff have denied this and similar accusations, dismissing them as politically motivated smears.

"The only thing Donald Trump offered today was more hypocritical lies and nutty conspiracy theories," Clinton spokesman Glen Caplin said.

The State Department has said it is not aware of any evidence of improper influence, although it has acknowledged that several donations from foreign governments should have been submitted to the department's ethics advisors for prior review but were not, in breach of an ethics agreement Clinton signed before taking office.

Trump also said Clinton had used bad political judgment in her four years as secretary of state, failing to stop the rise of Islamic State, keep strong sanctions on Iran or avoid chaos in Libya.

"Her decisions spread death, destruction and terrorism everywhere she touched," Trump said.

On Tuesday, Clinton delivered her own blistering attack on Trump, saying that putting the real estate magnate in the White House would be a disaster for the U.S. economy.. REUTERS

44.5%

Recent opinion polls have given Clinton a lead over Trump. A Reuters/Ipsos survey this week showed that 44.5 percent of likely voters backed Clinton

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New York City Muslim policeman sues over no-beard policy

U.S. District Judge Kevin Castel ordered the department to continue paying Officer Masood Syed his salary and benefits, his lawyer said in a phone interview after an emergency hearing on Wednesday morning in Manhattan federal court.

A Muslim policeman who was suspended by the New York City Police Department for refusing to shave sued the agency on Wednesday, saying its no-beard policy is unconstitutional.

The temporary restraining order will stand until at least July 8, when another judge will consider whether Syed, who was suspended without pay on Tuesday, should be allowed to work until the matter is resolved.

Syed is seeking unspecified monetary damages in the proposed class action.

In 2013, a Hasidic probationary officer won a lawsuit against the department over the same policy.

The NYPD's written policy is that officers cannot wear beards, but an unwritten policy designed to provide religious accommodation allows for beards of up to 1 millimeter long, according to the lawsuit.

Syed, a law clerk in the department, has worn a beard of about ½ to 1 inch for years for religious reasons.

In December, according to the lawsuit, he was told by supervisors that his beard was too long and ordered on Monday to shorten it. When he did not, he was suspended, according to the complaint.

"They have this inflexible, almost absurd policy," Joshua Moskovitz, one of Syed's attorneys, said in a phone interview.

The lawsuit also claimed that the police department is inconsistent in enforcing the policy, which it estimated affects more than 100 officers.

The NYPD did not respond to a request for comment.

U.S. District Judge Harold Baer ruled in 2013 that the policy violated the First Amendment guarantee of free religious exercise. The Hasidic officer, Fishel Litzman, was allowed to return to work with a beard of around 1 inch, according to Syed's lawyer. REUTERS

The program was unanimously approved this week in an array of bills by the New York City Council and awaits the signature of Mayor Bill de Blasio, who has said he supports it. GETTY IMAGES

New York City making tampons free in schools

Women will get free tampons and sanitary pads in New York City schools, jails and shelters under a first-of-its-kind program whose supporters argue that costly hurdles to feminine hygiene products amount to discrimination.

It comes as part of a national debate started by advocates who say many women are unable to afford products that can cost more than $100 a year.

"Menstrual hygiene products are as necessary as toilet paper and should be treated as basic bathroom supplies," said Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, a city council member who championed the measure, in a statement.

The program is the first of its kind, according to Ferreras-Copeland.

Once the program is in place, the city will spend an estimated $2.4 million annually to provide tampons and pads to students at public schools, residents of city shelters and inmates at jails and other correctional facilities.

Some two million tampons and 3.5 million pads will be handed out yearly in shelters alone, Ferreras-Copeland said. REUTERS

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Justice Dept. unveils 'largest takedown ever' to combat Medicare fraud

The U.S. Justice Department said Wednesday that federal law enforcement officials have hit a milestone in 2016 by completing the "largest takedown ever" against defendants allegedly trying to defraud Medicare and other federal insurance programs.

The 2016 takedown involves 301 defendants and a loss amount of $900 million, the department said. That exceeds a record last year, when 243 defendants faced charges in a combined $712 million in losses.

Among the defendants charged in the takedown include two owners of a group of outpatient clinics and a patient recruiter who stand accused of filing $36 million in fraudulent claims for physical therapy and other services that were not medically necessary.

To find patients, the Justice Department alleges the clinic operators and the recruiter targeted poor drug addicts and offered them narcotics so they could bill them for services that were never provided.

Another case that was highlighted on Wednesday involved home health fraud. In that case, a doctor was indicted for billing $38 million for home health services that were not needed or ever provided.

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Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch speaks at a news conference on Wednesday in Washington, D.C. Lynch and other government officials announced the result of a national Medicare fraud crackdown that took place in 36 districts around the country. GETTY IMAGES

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Steely will seen behind Kim's push for North Korea weapons that work

On Wednesday, Kim Jong Un proved skeptics wrong with what looks like the successful launch of a ballistic missile that reached an altitude of 621 miles and got more than halfway to Japan's main island of Honshu.

Images in March of a smiling Kim Jong Un inspecting a silver sphere, purported to be a miniaturized nuclear warhead but likened in the media to a disco ball, burnished the North Korean leader's international image as deluded and reckless.

Experts said the launch, which came after five failed tests including one earlier on Wednesday, marked progress in North Korea's weapons program, and underlined Kim's steely determination as well as his patience with scientists involved.

The quick succession of flight tests of the Musudan missile, which began in April, also resembles methods used in the early stages of missile development by super powers decades ago, when sophisticated simulation equipment was not available to substitute actual tests.

"This rate of attempts is not too different from what the U.S. was doing in the Cold War," Jonathan McDowell of the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics said. "It's of course very different from what the USA is doing these days.

"It may reflect the fact that North Korea has less capabilities in computer analysis, so it's easier for them to just launch another missile than to run a computer simulation."

Reclusive North Korea's state propaganda has painted Kim as a demanding but generous and understanding leader willing to forgive the failures of its scientists.

That contrasts with his reputation overseas as ruthless and impulsive, after he executed his own uncle, replaced his defense chief five times and defied the world with two nuclear tests.

"Humans grow by eating food and science flourishes amidst failures," North Korea's state-run newspaper Rodong Sinmun quoted Kim as telling scientists who knelt before him after a failed rocket launch in April 2012.

The dispatch was issued after an eventual successful launch in December that year.

The comments were echoed in a later state publication that described Kim patiently encouraging scientists distraught by failure.

"On receiving the report of the failure, Kim Jong Un said that failure was commonplace," a 2012 book summarizing a year of the young leader's activities said, referring to a failed long-range rocket launch earlier that year. REUTERS

This undated picture released from North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) shows North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. GETTY IMAGES

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House Speaker Ryan unveils Republican alternative to Obamacare

House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan unveiled a Republican health care agenda on Wednesday that would repeal Obamacare but keep some of its more popular provisions.

The proposal is part of Ryan's blueprint, titled "A Better Way," which offers a Republican alternative to the Democratic Party on policy issues ahead of the Nov. 8 election.

Earlier this month, Ryan, the country's highest-ranking elected Republican, released initiatives on national security and combating poverty. Proposals on regulation, tax reform and constitutional authority are expected in the coming weeks.

Republicans have challenged President Barack Obama's signature health care law, the Affordable Care Act, since it was enacted in 2010 after a bitter fight in Congress.

"Obamacare has limited choices for patients, driven up costs for consumers, and buried employers and health care providers under thousands of new regulations," a draft of the Ryan plan said. "This law cannot be fixed."

But Ryan's proposal would keep some popular aspects of the law, including not allowing people with pre-existing conditions to be denied coverage and permitting children to stay on their parents' coverage until age 26.

The Obama administration says some 20 million Americans have become insured as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

The Ryan plan recycles long-held Republican proposals like allowing consumers to buy health insurance across state lines, expanding the use of health savings accounts and giving states block grants to run the Medicaid program for the poor. REUTERS

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A photo shot and tweeted from the floor of the House by Rhode Island Rep. David Cicilline shows Democratic members of the House of Representatives staging a sit-in on the House floor to demand action on commonsense gun legislation. U.S. REP. DAVID CICILLINE/HANDOUT

Democrats stage protest to demand gun control bill

The protest was the latest bold move by Democrats to persuade the Republican majority in Congress to consider gun control legislation.

Several dozen House Democrats pushing for action on gun control protested on the floor of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, chanting "no bill, no break!" and demanding that the chamber put off an upcoming recess until legislation is debated.

The Democrats stood or sat at the front of the chamber, where such disruptive tactics are relatively rare. When the presiding House officer, Republican Rep. Ted Poe, entered the chamber, he declared the House not in order. After banging the gavel several times in an attempt to clear the protesters, he announced the chamber would be in recess and left.

The Democrats remained on the House floor, calling for action before a vacation recess scheduled to start at the end of the week and run through July 5.

Shortly before that, Assistant Democratic Leader James Clyburn, likened the push for gun control action to the civil rights movement of the 1960s when sit-ins and other civil disobedience prodded Washington to act on new protections for African-Americans.

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton tweeted her support for the sit-in, saying, "This is what real leadership looks like."

House Democrats frustrated by inaction on guns have staged several actions on the House floor in recent days. They have interrupted a moment of silence in honor of the Orlando victims and unsuccessfully seeking recognition to bring up bills on expanding background checks and preventing people on "no-fly" and other surveillance lists from buying guns.

Democrats in the Senate last week took control of that chamber for nearly 15 straight hours as they called for gun control legislation.

House Republicans have declined to advance gun control legislation and House Speaker Paul Ryan said earlier on Wednesday he was "waiting to see what the Senate does" before discussing the topic.

On Monday, the Senate failed to advance four gun measures, including one that would have prohibited gun sales to people on a broad range of government watch lists. REUTERS

ESA head: Human flights to Mars still at least 15 years off

Dreaming of a trip to Mars? You'll have to wait at least 15 years for the technology to be developed, the head of the European Space Agency said, putting doubt on claims that the journey could happen sooner.

"If there was enough money then we could possibly do it earlier, but there is not as much now as the Apollo program had," ESA Director-General Jan Woerner said, referring to the U.S. project which landed the first people on the moon.

Woerner says a permanent human settlement on the moon, where 3-D printers could be used to turn moon rock into essential items needed for the two-year trip to Mars, would be a major step toward the red planet.

Mars UNIVERSAL HISTORY ARCHIVE/GETTY IMAGES

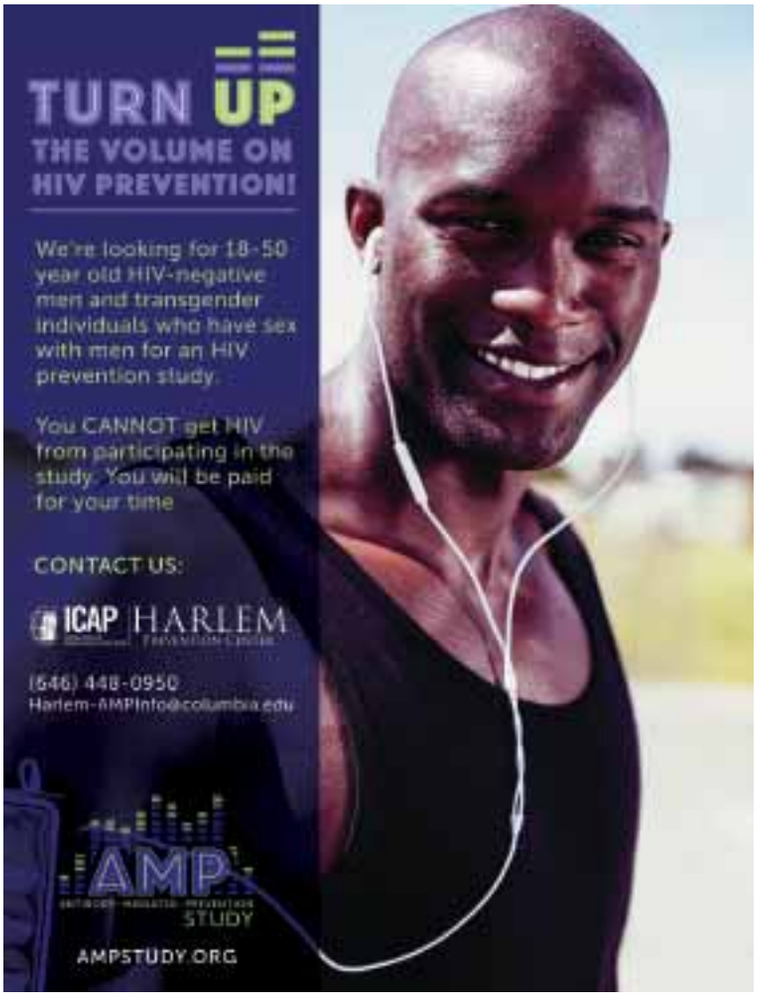
NASA hopes to send astronauts to Mars in the mid-2030s and businessman Elon Musk, head of electric car maker Tesla Motors, says he plans to put unmanned spacecraft on Mars from as early as 2018 and have humans there by 2030.

The ESA's Woerner said it would take longer.

A spacecraft sent to Mars would need rockets and fuel powerful enough to lift back off for the return trip and the humans would need protection from unprecedented physical and mental challenges as well as deep-space radiation.

Woerner would like to see a cluster of research laboratories on the moon, at what he calls a "moon village," to replace the International Space Station when its lifetime ends and to test technologies needed to make the trip to Mars.

That could be funded and operated by a collection of private and public bodies from around the world, he said in an interview at the ESA's Operations Center. REUTERS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Blake Lively stands by her 'Oakland booty' comment

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Blake Lively finally responded to the heat she received last month after the actress posted a photo of herself on Instagram in a sleek gold gown with the caption, "L.A. face with an Oakland booty," a line from Sir-Mix-Alot's hit song "Baby Got Back."

One Instagrammer raged: "Another day, another rich white woman using women of color's bodies as a punch line and commodity — yet everyone defends her and calls it confidence. But hey who the f*ck am I to check her privilege! #WhiteGirlsDoItBest."

But the responses weren't all vilifying, including one from Sir-Mix-Alot himself. The rapper, who came to Lively's defense, calls her caption "a nod of approval. That's was what I wanted. I wanted our idea of beautiful to be accepted."

Lively herself went on Sway Calloway's show to address the issue. "I never meant to offend anyone," she said. "I was celebrating my body. It's nice to have a nice curve and not look like you're starving to death."

Despite, all the chaos, Lively is staying positive and even announced that she and hubby, Ryan Reynolds are "official breeders." The two come from very big families and want to have a full house of their own. So, there! She wins!

the word

Selma Blair is a 'flawed human'

After her in-flight meltdown Monday, which was one of the most bizarre celebrity stories we've heard in a while, Selma Blair released an apology.

"I made a big mistake yesterday," the actress said in a statement to Vanity Fair. "After a lovely trip with my son and his dad, I mixed alcohol with medication, and that caused me to black out say and do things that I deeply regret."

To recap, some of those regretful moments included crying and saying scary things like: "He burns my private parts… He's going to kill me."

Fortunately for the actress, she says her son, who was on the flight, was asleep.

"There is that saving grace," she said. "I take this very seriously, and I apologize to all of the passengers and crew that I disturbed and am thankful to all of the people who helped me. I am a flawed human being who makes mistakes and am filled with shame over this incident. I am truly very sorry."

Iggy Azalea drives a hard bargain

When famous people break up with each other, the stakes are always a little higher than they are for the rest of us normal folks. Rapper Iggy Azalea may not be making hits as of late, but she sure is making headlines — breaking up with her fiance, Lakers point guard Nick Young, yesterday in the most epic way possible.

Since leaving his things in the driveway of their Los Angeles home to be picked up by a U-Haul, the two have come to an agreement — she gives back the 10.43 carat engagement ring, valued at half a million dollars, and he gives back the '62 Impala that Azalea gave Young as a present.

Here's the rub, though — by California law, Azalea had to give back the ring anyway. Young could have kept that sweet, classic car. Oops.

Looks like the "Fancy" rapper is "passing the bar like a lawyer."

Should have done your homework, Young!

Kate Winslet joins the next Woody Allen, prompts complicated feelings

Kate Winslet is going to make her first Woody Allen movie! Or wait: Maybe we should dial back that enthusiasm. In any other year this news would be cause for cheer — a legendary filmmaker, with a long track record of directing women to Oscars, working with one of the very finest. But this is 2016, when we may have finally turned on Woody Allen. The allegations plaguing him for 25 years have never been proved or cleared, but the public seems to have decided, at long last, that we can no longer watch "Annie Hall" or "Bananas" or even "September" without wondering if the man who made them is worst kind of villain.

Winslet will probably be excellent in whatever it's eventually called. But will people want to see a new Woody Allen movie? We'll find out when his latest, "Cafe Society," comes out in a few weeks.

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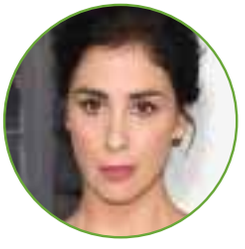

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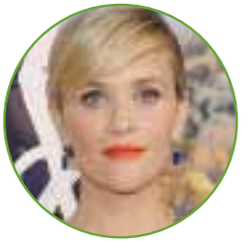

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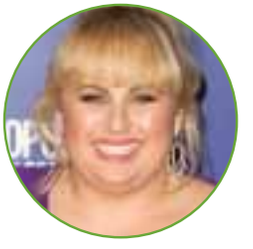

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OMG when I run for President of Australia, it's going to be soooo hilarious x

Don't judge people with too many Daenerys toys. FUNKO

In praise of collecting

I'm moving to a new apartment. I hate moving; you probably do, too. I'm starting to snarl at packing tape in the grocery store, and my hands are covered in paper cuts from cardboard boxes. It's all I'm talking about this week. (I'm lots of fun at parties.) When I told someone about the 78 boxes I packed yesterday, they seemed stunned. "What the heck could you possibly have in there?" Well, a lot of them are full of toys and collectibles.

Now, before you laugh or groan about the spouse you have who could have said the same thing, let me defend collecting.

My collection is geek stuff. There are DC Bombshells, space helmets, Joker statues and a Rocket Raccoon mask that talks. There are endless Pop Vinyl figures, a gold coin from a pirate show set visit and numerous sonic screwdrivers (though you need an actual screwdriver to change the batteries). That's just to name a few things. It's not all expensive stuff, and there is really no theme. It's just stuff I love. Between my boyfriend's geek collection and mine, it's like a comic book shop in here.

As we approach yet another convention, I can guarantee I'll be adding to it. Maybe just one little piece, but there is something lovely about the joy of finding that one special item that makes your desk look just a bit more like Disneyland. Sure, some people can take collecting too far, but for those of us who love it, the search is as much fun as having the item at home.

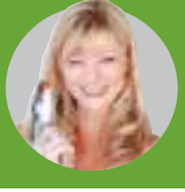
There are all kinds of theories about why we collect things. Some people say it's the thrill of the hunt. Some claim that seeing the Samurai Darth Vader made out of motorcycle parts on your desk calms anxiety. (That is a thing. I'm looking at it right now.) Some say the items remind you of fond memories of a film or a friend. Others just love to decorate their homes in a way that might horrify their parents and make it a haven of things they adore.

So, if your significant other or roomie comes home with yet another Daenerys statue, before you flip out and ask why they needed a ninth one, stop for a second. Ask them why they do it. Ask why they love it. Then get out there and maybe start your own collection. Happy hunting!

JENNA BUSCH

Geek Girl in Hollywood

Jenna Busch takes on the way pop culture snubs its female fans. For more columns, visit metro.us/jenna-busch as well as her site, Legion of Leia. (legionofleia.com)



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Penny Lane doesn't want to lie to you

The filmmaker talks "Nuts!" — an unusual documentary about a charlatan.

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Penny Lane's doc "Nuts!" is now playing at Film Forum. The movie uses animation to dive into history. ALL PHOTOS CARTUNA

Penny Lane was worried. The filmmaker had made a documentary called "Nuts!" about John R. Brinkley, an obscure historical figure who, in the early 20th century, built an empire funded by his hit cure for impotence: injecting goat testicles into humans. He was a fraud, but the movie she'd made spends most of its running time pretending he was on the level. Only at the end do you realize you'd been swindled, much as he'd swindled a sizable chunk of the American public. Lane says she worried about deceiving viewers, even if it was for a good cause: to explore our capacity to believe in charlatans, both then and today (nudge, nudge).

The structure of this is pretty interesting.

I thought it would be boring to make a straight biopic about this guy. The first thing you'd say is, "He was a con man and everyone was fooled! Ha ha!" When I was talking to people about it before I made the film, I could tell people really wanted to believe him. I would say, "There was this guy who did this thing," and they'd say, "Wow! Did it work?" I realized I could take advantage of that. It would be more interesting to make a film that I'd never seen before, where you perpetuate the lie a little bit, to some extent, before you admit you had done that. People have the experience of having been conned as opposed to sitting back in their comfy chairs with hindsight and laughing at those people.

He was also using anti-elitism and anti-intellectualism, turning people against the know-it-alls who were keeping him down. That's something people love, too.

That's true. He walked that line between saying he was a common man of the people and saying, "I'm way smarter than everybody. Look how successful I am!" That's an odd thing, when you're able to say you're a man of the people when you're buying your fourth yacht during the Great Depression. We've always had people like that in our culture.

Here's the part where I bring up Donald Trump.

It's hard not to!

We tend to think we're smarter than the rubes who were fleeced by quacks deep in the past.

I don't think we're any smarter. [Laughs] We have no evidence to suggest we're smarter now than we were 100 years ago.

We might be dumber. We like to think having access to more information makes us smarter, but we can wind up believing worse ideas because there's allegedly more evidence to support it.

The problem with the idea that having more information available to us makes us smarter is that's not how we reason at all. We make choices based on intuition, prior experiences and desire. Then we use information after the fact to support the decision we've already made. That we have more access to information doesn't change how our cognitive methods work. It just means you can justify your choices faster.

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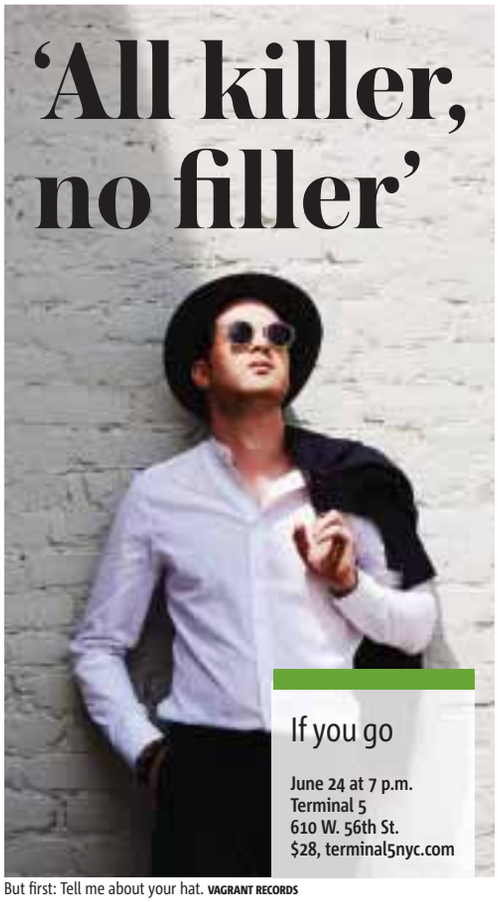

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With “Man About Town,” Mayer Hawthorne takes a succinct hold on his style.

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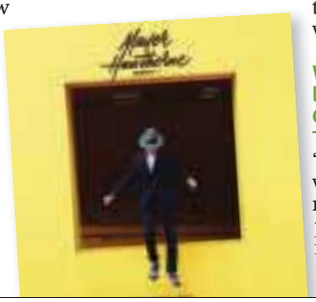
Just look at Mayer Hawthorne. Just look at him. The man evokes another era, and not in the kitschy crooner way a la Robin Thicke, or the genre-dominating Michael Buble. Then listen to him. Confused?

Hawthorne’s self-produced fourth studio album, “Man About Town,” dropped in early April from Vagrant Records, and it electrifies his smooth neo-soul sound with ’70s and ’80s synths and funk. He chats about his new record, his evolving style and where he gets his stellar hats.

Important things first: Let’s talk about your slick hat collection. Where are they coming from and who is making them for you?
I get them from all over the world. Maison Michel in Paris puts a little “M” on the band, so you know I love that. My favorites right now are from Laird in London. They’re making some custom ones for me. Gladys Tamez is making incredible hats in L.A. also. I want one from her!

On a similar note, at one point did you decide to develop a “look” or an “image” as a musician? How important was this for you and what does it mean today?
I’d say it’s more of a motto than a particular look. Flashy, but classy. I get it from my grandma Rita. I think the most important thing is to have your own unique style. Wear clothes that you’re comfortable in, but don’t be afraid to take some chances. If you don’t have some old photos that you look at and say “Holy s—! What was I doing?” then you aren’t living!



Songs like “Cosmic Love,” “Fancy Clothes" and “Love Like That” evoke a different retro vibe than you’ve had with prior. What decade are you paying homage to?
I don’t ever think like that when I’m making music. I just make what I feel. I grew up in the ’80s and ’90s, listening to Public Enemy, The Police, Smashing Pumpkins … I discovered Steely Dan and Barry White later on. It all goes into my music, but I don’t really think about it when I’m writing. I’m all about making new music for right now, so hopefully that comes through, as well as my influences.

What periods of your life do “Where Does This Go” versus “Man About Town” represent?
“Where Does This Go” was a crazy transition for me, working with other producers and writers for the first time and a major label. I learned so much from that, but it was a bit scary.

“Man About Town” really deals with my search for love in Los Angeles — being surrounded by millions of people all the time but still feeling that loneliness. It’s a somewhat satirical title. Lyrically it’s a very melancholy record, but I still wanted people to party to it, so I tried to keep the music fun.

“Man About Town” is a super tight album — musically and literally, play-timewise. What was the decision-making process behind keeping it short?
I recorded a lot more songs but, in the end, I wanted it to fit on a single vinyl record. Most of my favorite albums — Prince’s “Dirty Mind,” Michael Jackson’s “Off The Wall,” Steely Dan’s “Aja,” Nas’ “Illmatic” — they all have nine or 10 songs. All killer, no filler. It takes you into my head like “Being John Malkovich,” gives you an unforgettable experience and then dumps you out on the side of the freeway, wanting more.

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Stephen Starr is shifting gears

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WHERE TO EAT, DRINK & PLAY

The Philly-made restaurateur reflects on 10 years in NYC.

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When Stephen Starr opened Le Coucou in SoHo last week, the restaurateur wasn't just celebrating French cuisine with the homecoming of chef Daniel Rose, the American darling of Parisian fine dining.

The Philadelphia-based Starr — a master of cinematic eateries and the bombastic cuisine to match — is also commemorating his 10th anniversary of opening restaurants in New York City. "This place is also my home," says Starr of NYC.

The classic French restaurant, serving dishes like pike quenelle, oysters in seaweed butter and whole rabbit, is Starr's sixth in the city following Morimoto, Buddakan, The Clocktower, El Vez and Upland — no introduction needed for any of them.

Though already a success as the man who launched Philadelphia's 1990s restaurant renaissance, Starr says that back in 2006, "I don't think that I knew that I was ready to make the transition from Philly to New York City."

It all came down to timing as then-rising star Masaharu Morimoto — the onetime executive chef at Nobu — had NYC's attention on "Iron Chef" and was ready to make his move into having his own restaurant. "Morimoto gave me the confidence to do something that New York City would embrace because he was a star."

In the process of locking down the Chelsea Market location for Morimoto NYC, Starr happened onto another large empty space, the former Nabisco Cookie Co., "which was fantastic," he recalls. Starr took the chance that Morimoto would do well and bankrolled the second space as Buddakan, both in the then-unproven Meatpacking District.

Starr won't take credit for turning the area into a hotspot (he cedes that to Pastis, opened by Keith McNally in 1999). But what he did was open two large, distinctive spaces in that area, "the biggest risks ever to have been undertaken at that time; those restaurants wound up costing $30 million." Starr laughs. "I didn't even have half of that money to put down, so we were really gambling."

Those grand Japanese-themed gambles paid off, and Starr continued to open restaurants big and small, highly stylized and more humbly designed, complex and simple in terms of cuisine. Take El Vez, the casual contemporary Mexican restaurant he opened at 259 Vesey St. in 2014, far warmer and modest than his British-themed The Clocktower, which Starr placed in Ian Schrager's New York Edition Hotel in 2015.

"'Theatrical' wasn't a word or concept that was around when I started making restaurants, so I did it," says Starr, who has long been enamored of Schrager's keen sense for pop culture trends and hospitality. "Now we're more restrained in our design because baby boomers are older and millennials have a different set of standards. Still, expectation makes it so every restaurant I do — the next one — has to be more special than the last. You have to move forward or audiences get bored. I get bored."

This brings Starr to Le Coucou in the new Howard Hotel at 138 Lafayette St., the one-time Holiday Inn ("I nearly bought it as I loved the location in one of the then-grittier parts of town — bordering Chinatown — which reminds me of what old New York City was").

Then there's Daniel Rose, the Chicago chef who's come back to the U.S. after his celebrated time at Paris' La Bourse et La Vie, and most recently Spring.

"[Le Coucou] is deeply personal to him," Starr explains. "He's on the line cooking: ingredient-based, not heavy technique, not nine courses but three courses and dessert. It's like his house. He'll bring plates out. He's charming."

Charming is a good term for Starr, too. He may have been defined by Philadelphia, but these 10 years in New York City have been his training camp. "I was able to come to New York confidentially — well, not that confidentially," he concedes, "and make what I do better."

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Amy Schumer Live

June 23, 7 p.m.
Madison Square Garden
$29-$99, thegarden.com
She's starred in her own TV show, has made a Judd Apatow genre film for the ladies and was profiled in this month's Vogue, but Amy Schumer has yet to headline the Garden. It's a challenge and a privilege for any performer, and you won't want to miss what she'll bring to the arena.

WINE

Wine tasting at the Met Cloisters

June 24, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
The Cloisters, 99 Margaret Corbin Dr., Fort Tryon Park
Free, metmuseum.org
Start summer with an education in the white wines of the Loire Valley at the Cloisters, where sommelier Pascaline Lepeltier will lead a free tasting.

ARTS

Skillosophy

June 24-Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m.-1 a.m.
Livestream HQ
361 Stagg St., Brooklyn
$15, livestream.nyc
Part visual arts showcase, part performance event, Skillosophy is the place to find emerging interdisciplinary artists. Swing by the opening night reception for beats by Talib Kweli and DJ Idgy Dean between shows that blend musicians, visual artists, performers and mixed media.

FASHION

L'Eleganza del Cibo

June 24-July 4
Chelsea Market, 75 Ninth Ave.
Free, italtrade.com
Italian culture is best captured by fashion and food. But how do they relate to each other? Chelsea Market's exhibition L'Eleganza del Cibo, presented by the Italian Trade Commission and Unindustria, will explore how energy, sustainability, nutrition and style have influenced each other since the 1950s through 58 couture garments by designers like Armani, Gucci and Moschino.

FOOD

Time Out Wing Fest

June 26, 1-6:30 p.m.
Bohemian Hall and Beer Garden
2919 24th Ave., Queens
$39-$49, timeout.com
Get those wipes ready, because you're going to be handling a lot of sauce. Time Out's Wing Fest returns this weekend with some of the city's best chicken competing for top honors, alongside Melt Bakery's ice cream sandwiches, Dark Horse wine and (of course) plenty of beer. There are four sessions to choose from, each lasting up to two hours; VIP tickets get you an extra 30 minutes.

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STREET FAIR

Taste of Jewish Culture Street Fair

June 26, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sixth Ave. b/w 48th & 49th sts.
Free, circle.org
If you want something to kvetch about, you won't find it at the Workmen's Circle's third annual street fair, where Jewish food vendors like Brooklyn Seltzer Boys, hummus newcomer Dizengoff, Kossar's Bagels and Bialys and many more will offer modern takes on traditional foods. Digest it over live music and all-ages activities like the comedy show "So You Think You're Jewish?" This year's fair coincides with the Pride Parade, so swing through for lunch and grab a free rainbow cookie from Orwasher's Bakery.

PIZZA

Greatest 3-Minute Pizza Stories

June 29, 7-9 p.m.
Housing Works Bookstore Café, 126 Crosby St.
Free, housingworksbookstore.org
Just talking about pizza can make anyone hungry, but asking New Yorkers for their opinions on it can set off an argument that could end friendships. It's best to have these discussions in a civil setting, which 11 storytellers set out to do in three-minute shorts, each exploring new facets of our complicated relationship with this dietary staple. T. MICHELLE MURPHY

Feel the love

Show that #lovewins by getting out to this weekend's best Pride events.

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Pride Parade GETTY IMAGES

This time last year, the LGBT community and its allies were celebrating the long-awaited legalization of gay marriage across the U.S. But this year, Pride Week began on an infinitely different note as we mourned the victims of the country's worst mass shooting at Orlando's gay nightclub Pulse. But Pride has always been about celebrating identity and freedom of expression, and it's never more important to be seen and heard than when hate tries to take over. So make sure #lovewins by laughing, learning, marching and dancing at the best Pride festivities around the city.

Themed parties

Whether you like your neon on a construction vest or as Jane Fonda-style spandex, this year's Pride kickoff party **Fantasy** is all about living the dream in your brightest colors. If the idea of a neon-themed party with live music and the promise of "secret performances" isn't enough, this year's venue is the Roaring '20s-style Diamond Horseshoe, once home to "Queen of the Night" and now the city's enviably exclusive subterranean club. ***21+, $50-$75, June 24, 10 p.m.-5 a.m., 235 W. 46th St.***

This month's immersive Supercinema party at the McKittrick Hotel welcomes all friends of Dorothy for the **Emerald City Ball**. The movie is, of course, the "Wizard of Oz," but there's plenty more to experience with live performances, decor and cocktails (from an open bar!) themed to the night's feature. Dress to impress — that means costumes are not optional — for a magical evening benefitting Equality Florida's fund for Pulse nightclub victims. ***$50-$195, June 25, 530 W. 27th St.***

Performances

Broaden your experience of NYC's queer entertainment scene at The Peoples Improv Theater's **QueerCom**, a three-night comedy festival of LGBTQ comics. Two stages will accommodate ongoing shows across every form of humor, from improv to sketch, drag shows, storytelling, original musicals, panels and more. ***$40 festival pass, June 24-26, 123 E. 24th St.***

It's called **Everybooty**, so shouldn't you be there? The Brooklyn Academy of Music is opening all four floors to LGBTQ artists and entertainers presenting live music, art installations, readings and "general ruckus." Your ticket includes a one-hour open bar on the roof. ***$75, June 25, 9 p.m.-3 a.m., 30 Lafayette Ave.***

The main event

The unmissable centerpiece of Pride will always be **The March**, which began as a civil rights demonstration and has evolved into a community celebration. Last year brought over 80 floats, 350 groups and tens of thousands of spectators to the streets from Midtown to Greenwich Village. ***Free, June 26, noon, begins at 36th St. and Fifth Ave. heading south to Christopher and Greenwich sts.***

Dancing

The South Street Seaport's Watermark bar will stay bumping until 4 a.m. (including food service!) for **Siren, Girl Pride NYC**. DJ Whitney Day and the twin sisters of Nina Sky are headlining the night of high-energy riverside fun, with Daniela Sea of "The L Word" taking a turn as well. A VIP ticket gets you priority entry, private bathrooms and reserved seating. ***$25-$150, June 25, 9 p.m., Pier 15, 78 South St.***

Dance on the Pier is Pride Week's last (and biggest) outdoor dance party, as well as its most important fundraiser for local LGBT organizations. Fergie will headline the 21+ event on Pier 26, with performances by DJs Ben Baker, Honey Soundsystem, Hoxton Whores and Alain Jackinsky. Pace your party to make sure you're still standing for the fireworks display at the end of the night. ***$85, June 26, 2-10 p.m.***

Emerald City Ball GETTY IMAGES

Beyond the parties

The fashion world is a rare mainstream cultural place where unconventional ideas have been welcomed. But do gender, identity and fashion intersect in a way that speaks to the LGBTQ community? Join queer fashion website DapperQ's Anita Dolce Vita at the Brooklyn Historical Society as she leads a panel discussion called **Redefined and Redesigned: Defying Gender Norms in Fashion** with Rae Tutera of men's/women's clothier Bindle & Keep, Trans Models founder Peche Di, designer Andre Landeros Michel and more. ***$10, June 23, 6:30 p.m., 128 Pierrepont St.***

NYC has plenty of ways year-round to get into the activist and artistic spirit of Pride. Catch a performance of Cyndi Lauper's **"Kinky Boots,"** about how a drag queen named Lola saves a shoe factory with a great idea, or the Tony Award-winning **"Fun Home,"** the story of lesbian cartoonist Alison Bechdel's childhood. The Museum of the City of New York's current exhibits include **"Activist New York,"** which traces social activism in the city from the 17th century to the Stonewall Riots through the present day (they're also having an LGBTQ Family Day on June 25 with arts & crafts and snacks.) Or see the work of a living icon of the fashion, culture and art worlds at the Jewish Museum's sprawling retrospective on **Isaac Mizrahi.**

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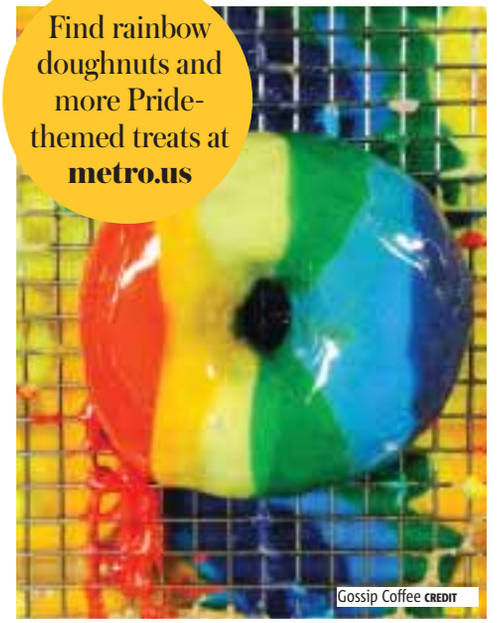

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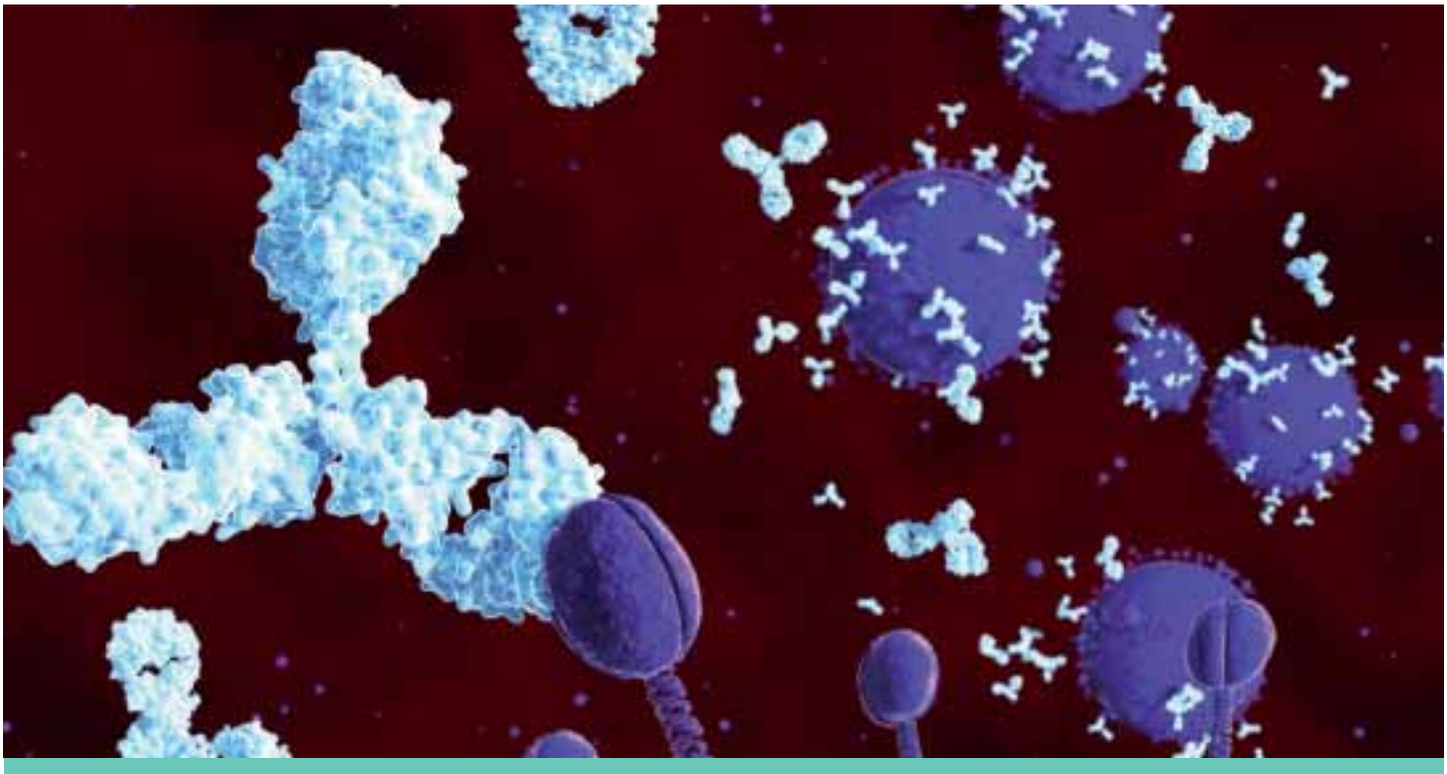

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A wine bar

Rooftop Reds brings summer vibes to the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

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Brooklyn's newest rooftop bar is, for once, not in Williamsburg. In fact, it's not in a trendy neighborhood at all — at least, not yet.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard is slowly being converted from a defunct shipbuilding hub into the city's new commercial food hub. First came Brooklyn Grange, the rooftop urban farm and event space, then Kings County Distillery, which just opened its outdoor tasting room for its New York state whiskeys in one of the old gatehouses flanking the Navy Yard's entrance.

Now there's Rooftop Reds, which recently opened on the roof of Building 275. "They were two very strong precedents that gave me a lot of confidence," says Devin Shomaker, the owner, sommelier and winemaker of Rooftop Reds — oh, and he's also the tall one behind the bar. "This is startup land, in the best way possible."

The tables will be moved out of the green space for movie nights. ALL PHOTOS EVA KIS

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among the vines

Shomaker came to winemaking after a few years working in the world of startups, but he wasn't happy and went back to school at Finger Lakes Community College's viticulture and wine technology program. There, he met his business partner, Chris Papalia (he's the other guy behind the bar), and got the idea for the first-ever urban rooftop winery.

The initial reception was cautiously optimistic — "my professor slooowly warmed to the idea," Shomaker recalls — but the idea was a hit on Kickstarter, where they successfully raised $16,000 in 2014 and "got our foot in the door" with investors and wineries.

Though the vineyard has been growing since last May, they only opened the wine bar quietly at the start of April — except it coincided with the "Fly by Night" pigeon art show that Rooftop Reds just happens to have a perfect view of. "You hope to walk before you run, but we had to run before we walked," Shomaker says. "I'm not complaining at all, it's a great problem to have, really unbelievable business right as you open, but it definitely points out your problem areas."

Such as learning that people need a little guidance on how to behave around the grapes — guys, leave your dogs and kids at home, and stop smoking up there.

The charm of Rooftop Reds is not just in the views of the Brooklyn and Manhattan skylines from two sides and the utilitarian elegance of the Navy Yard on the others, but that you can casually stroll among the vines or lounge in one of the many red hammocks and forget you're in the city at all.

This week, Rooftop Reds is also kicking off biweekly movie nights with "Romeo+Juliet" — a $30 ticket gets you entry, two slices from Il Porto Pizzeria and a glass of one of 14 Finger Lakes varietals, a good portion of them from Shomaker's investor and wine producer Point of the Bluff Vineyards. There's no kitchen in the modest utility room-turned-wine bar, but you can get a Perfect Picnic spread with local cheeses and cured meats, olives, black tea-fig jam, a baguette and an apple.

"[The bar] is interesting on many levels to people," says Shomaker. "On a sustainable, locally sourced level; wine is very much a part of people's lifestyle; and then the fact that we promote the Finger Lakes wine region, which is a very underserved wine region — and they're producing world-class wines."

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Finger Lakes, New York

Fly into Syracuse to explore the 11 pristine lakes and more than 120 wineries here. The cool climate is famous for aromatic riesling and Gewurztraminer, although Fulkerson Winery, Bloomer Creek Vineyard and Heart & Hands Wine Co. are also producing great cabernet franc and pinot noir. Tasting appointments are not needed, but you'll want to book ahead for the Water to Wine tour, a wine-centered cruise around Cayuga Lake.

Guadalupe Valley, Mexico

Gourmet restaurants and more than 50 new and old wineries can be found in Mexico's premier wine region. Begin your journey at the Vine & Wine Museum in the heart of the valley to learn about Baja, California's wine culture and viticulture history before visiting L.A. Cetto, one of Mexico's oldest and most respected wineries and the largest producer in the country. Stop at new sustainable winery Clos de Tres Cantos followed by Adobe Guadalupe for a horseback ride through the vineyards.

Yadkin Valley, North Carolina

North Carolina has historically been best known for producing tobacco, but many former tobacco farmers have turned to grapes. There are now more than 160 wineries in the state, mostly concentrated in the Yadkin Valley, 90 minutes northwest of Charlotte. Shelton Vineyards is the original and largest winery, while many smaller wineries shine with esoteric grape varietals. Jones von Drehle has an excellent Petit Manseng while JOLO makes an award-winning Chambourcin rosé. Red wine lovers will enjoy McRitchie's Ring of Fire blend.

Okanagan Valley, British Columbia

The 164 wineries in the vast Okanagan Valley plant everything from merlot and pinot gris to cabernet franc and Gewurztraminer. Several wineries, including Burrowing Owl and Quails' Gate have guest rooms and farm-to-table restaurants on site. You'll want to check out Nk'Mip Cellars, North America's first Aboriginal-owned winery, as well as Platinum Bench Estate Winery, which doubles as an artisan breadmaker and sells local cheese and charcuterie for picnics.

New York has its own wine region in the Finger Lakes. GETTY IMAGES

Santa Barbara, California

The humility and pure passion of winemakers here is a far cry from the uptight tasting rooms and manicured feel of Napa Valley. Life here is still bucolic, romantic and uncomplicated. Sample flights of award-winning estate-grown wines from Dierberg and Star Lane Vineyard at their joint tasting room in the Santa Rita Hills. Then try the Rhone-style wines at Qupe; their elegantly spicy syrah is a favorite.

Eastern Townships, Quebec

This new wine region just an hour's drive from Montreal has two primary wine routes: Route des vins de Brome-Missisquoi with more than 20 vineyards, and the smaller Route des vins de l'Estrie comprising seven vineyards. Domaine des Cotes d'Ardoise was the first winery to open here in 1980 and a wonderful place to taste red wine made from hybrid Marechal Foch, De Chaunac and Chelois grapes while taking a stroll along the flowered paths and sculpture gardens.

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Thief Island

Among other things, Oslo has used its strong economy to invest in and improve its neighborhoods. The long-term Fjord City Project has rebuilt Oslo's waterfront and skyline, and made a world-renowned, design-forward neighborhood out of Thief Island (so named for being a prison islet centuries ago). Visitors now stroll its promenade, eat at its sleek restaurants, stay at the uber-chic hotel The Thief and visit the Astrup Fearnley Museum, one of the world's elite modern-art institutions.

Bergen

Second in population only to Oslo, Bergen offers plenty of distinctive sights and culture. Visiting the UNESCO-protected Bryggen ("wharf" in Norwegian) is a must. There, the quaint, colorful wooden row buildings date back to the 18th century. Nearby, take the Ulriken643 cable car to the top of the highest of Bergen's famous Seven Mountains, where you can dine on Norwegian fare at the lofty Floien Folkerestaurant while enjoying the panoramic harbor view.

Hurtigruten Cruise

Norway's stunning coastline is best seen from the water, and Hurtigruten is a favorite way to see it. Part cruise ship, part ferry, part commercial vessel, these boats serve travelers and locals alike. Hurtigruten offers offshore excursions at ports from Bergen to Alesund to Trondheim and many more, with activities, educational talks and other onboard events to liven up a week cruising the Arctic waters.

Northern Lights

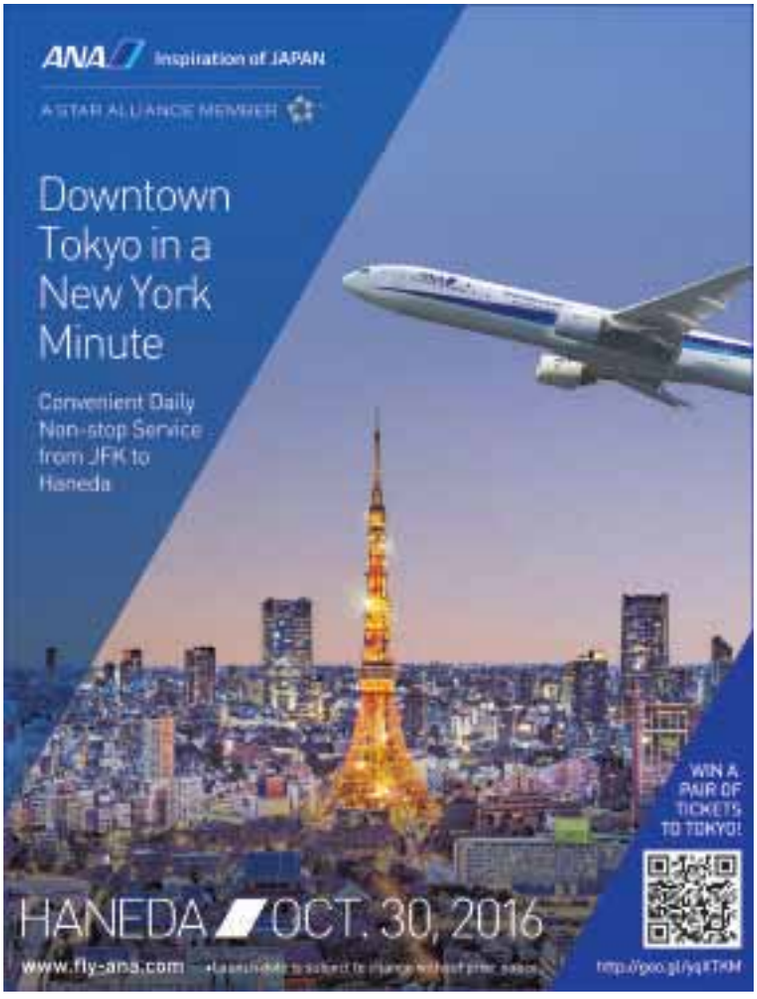
One of the driving forces to visit the far north is the beguiling wonder of the aurora borealis. September through April are good months to catch sight of them, but the best odds are in January and February. Check out the highly accurate forecasts of NorwayLights.com, which has hour-by-hour predictions.

North Cape

One of Norway's — and the world's — most breathtaking cliffs is the North Cape, or Nordkapp, which marks the northernmost point of continental Europe. Join a tour from the port city of Honningsvag for the half-hour ride to the cape, where you can explore a subterranean exhibition, grab lunch and of course, snap your photo with the iconic Globe monument.

Kirkenes Snowhotel

The far northern city of Kirkenes, a few miles from the Russian border, is home to the Snowhotel. Guests can book rooms in climate-controlled cabins all year — or in chillier months, spend the night in a cold room, sculpted from snow and ice. Either way, don't miss an afternoon exploring the fjords (iced over in winter) followed by fireside dining in a rustic cabin.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Knicks stun with Rose blockbuster

Phil Jackson acquired former MVP Derrick Rose in a surprising trade Wednesday.

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Former NBA MVP Derrick Rose, right, will join Carmelo Anthony, left, in New York. GETTY IMAGES

It appears that Knicks boss Phil Jackson has a plan after all. Whether that plan — which looks to be centered around Derrick Rose, Carmelo Anthony, Kristaps Porzingis and free agent player X — pays off remains to be seen.

The Vertical's Adrian Wojnarowski halted the basketball world Wednesday afternoon, tweeting, "The Bulls are trading Rose to the Knicks for Robin Lopez, Jerian Grant and bigger package." That bigger package includes guard Jose Calderon and the Knicks will also be getting a 2017 second-round draft pick from Chicago.

"Derrick is one of the top point guards in the NBA who is playoff-battle-tested," new Knicks head coach Jeff Hornacek said. "He adds a whole new dynamic to our roster and immediately elevates our backcourt."

Rose won the league MVP Award in 2011 but his career has been thrown off the rails due to major injuries since that time. He is still just 27 years old, but his quality of play has visibly declined since he tore his ACL in the 2012 NBA playoffs. He missed the 2012-13 season entirely and played just 10 games in 2013-14. He played 51 games in 2014-15 but scored just 17.7 points and had just 4.9 assists per game. This past season, Rose played in 66 games but scored just 16.4 points and had just 4.7 assists per game. Those are fine numbers for most NBA players, but it's a far cry from numbers he put up in his MVP season (25 ppg, 7.7 apg).

What's next?

Knicks fans likely paid little notice when ESPN's bottom line ticked with the headline "Breaking news, Dwight Howard opts out of Rockets contract." They were too busy thinking about their team not having a pick in the first round of Thursday's NBA draft. But suddenly, it can't be ignored.

The Rose trade makes a lot of people happy, including Anthony — who gets to play with another All-Star talent. Kristaps Porzingis will also no doubt be pleased to have a great distributor like Rose as a teammate. The Knicks still need a ton of help but could find solutions in free agency. ESPN.com's Ian Begley wrote Wednesday that the Knicks are one of "several" teams Howard is interested in.

"Not sure if they can get the 3rd pieces, but a Knicks team starring Carmelo, DRose and Dwight would be the Knickiest thing in a while," The Ringer's Bill Simmons tweeted after the deal.

Pau Gasol and Joakim Noah are two other free agents already being linked to the Knicks, courtesy of Wednesday's blockbuster. Gasol and Noah both played with Rose in Chicago and Gasol is still tight with Jackson from their days with the Lakers.

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KYLE BISHOP

OPINION

Kyle Bishop is a lead MLB columnist at RotoBaller.com. His articles and Fantasy Baseball Rankings are your secret weapon for winning fantasy leagues.

Jonathan Villar, 3B/SS, Milwaukee Brewers

Villar went undrafted in most leagues, as most expected him to merely keep the seat warm at shortstop for the Brewers until top prospect Orlando Arcia was ready for prime time. Instead, he's been one of the best shortstops in fantasy. Villar leads MLB with 25 stolen bases in a season where only five other players have more than 13 swipes. He's hitting .292/.377/.423 and has even managed six homers, four of which have come in June. There are some potentially troublesome indicators, however. While the pop has been a pleasant surprise, it's built on an unsustainable 26.7 HR/FB% this month. Villar has seen his walk rate tumble and strikeout rate rise during June as well, and as a result he's been a below-average hitter. He should continue to be a reliable source of speed, but is unlikely to contribute in other areas if recent trends persist.

Verdict: Hold/Sell

Wil Myers, 1B/OF, San Diego Padres

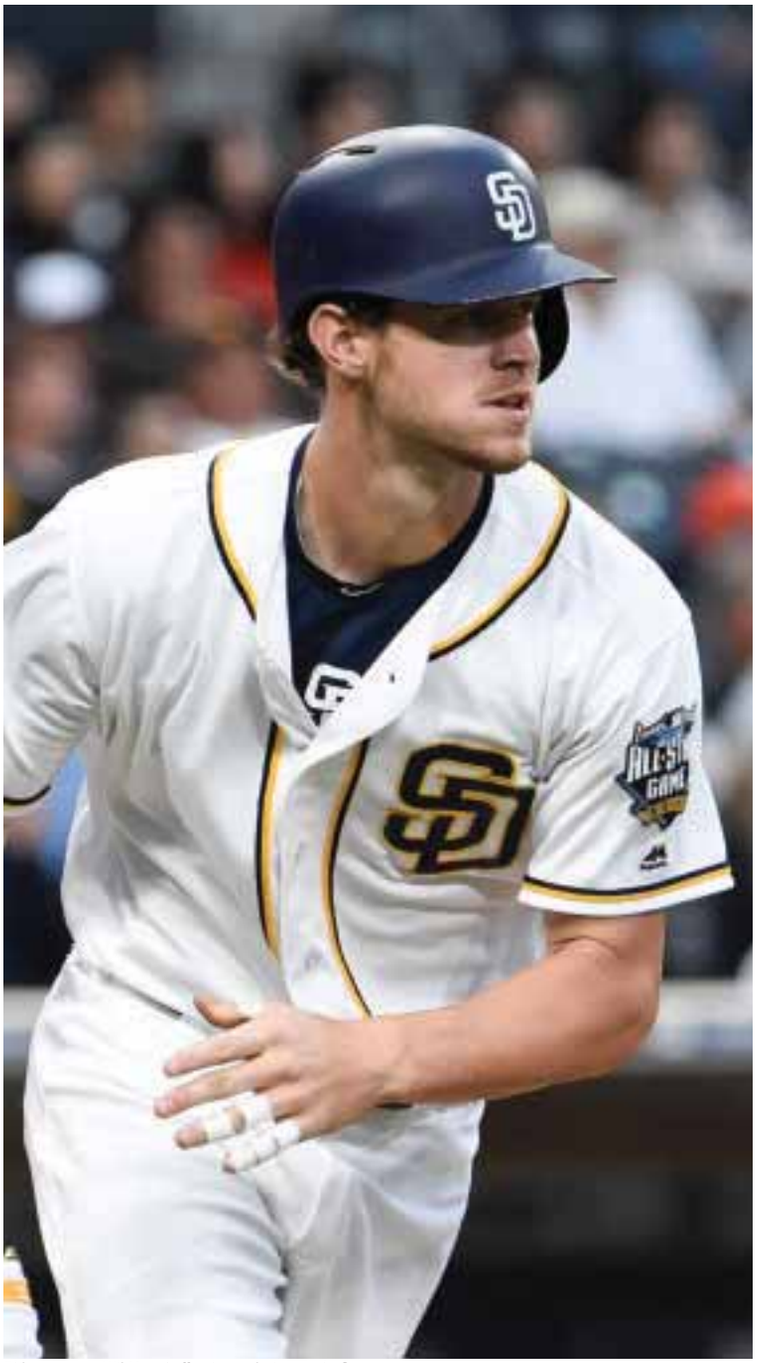
Offensive production at first base has been surprisingly mediocre this season. Even if we had seen that coming, though, few would have guessed that Myers would have a strong case as the top player at the position. Since winning the AL Rookie of the Year Award in 2013, Myers had missed over half of the following two seasons with wrist injuries. When he did make it onto the field, he wasn't very good; he hit just .235/.311/.364 with 14 homers and 11 steals in 147 games. He'd also be playing for a weak offensive team in a pitcher's park. Myers was, on average, the 35th first base-eligible player off the board in drafts. He's top five at the position in every standard 5x5 category: fifth in batting average (.290), fourth in homers (16) and RBI (45), second in runs (46) and first in stolen bases (10). By all appearances, Myers is finally healthy and delivering on the promise he showed a few years. Oh, and he's still only 25.

Verdict: Hold

Jose Quintana, SP, Chicago White Sox

Quintana has always been a steady and underrated fantasy contributor, but a fantastic stretch to open 2016 brought him some overdue attention. Through his first eight starts, Quintana was 5-2 with a sparkling 1.54 ERA and 0.99 WHIP. He's lost five straight decisions since then, though, and the ratios have regressed toward his career norms. Quintana still boasts career-best strikeout and walk numbers, but unfortunately, they aren't really supported by his peripherals. His swinging strike rate is virtually identical to that of previous years, and he's actually falling behind hitters more often in 2016. The best time to sell was a month ago, but you should still be able to deal Q at a profit.

Verdict: Sell



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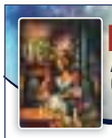

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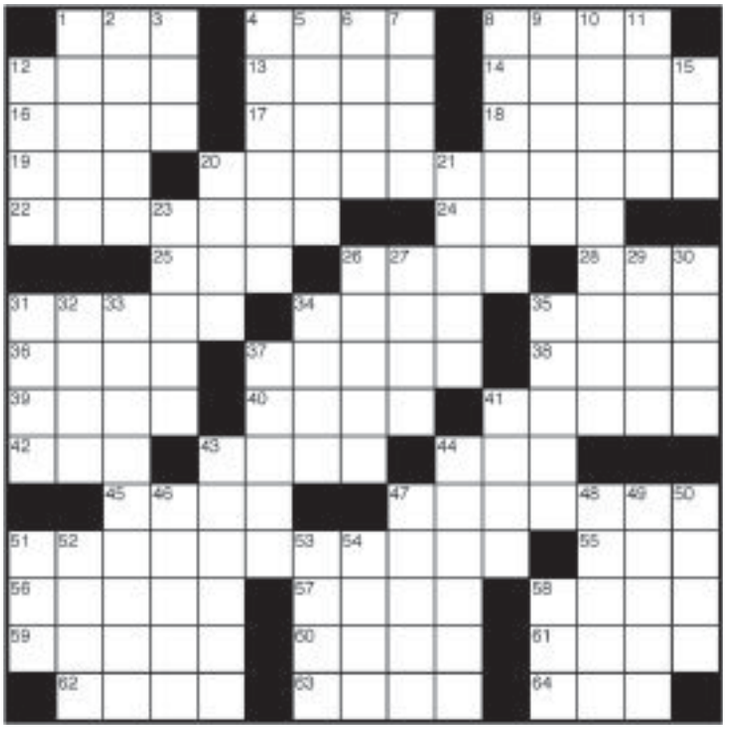

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13 Go radioactive
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22 Shoulder blade
24 Chive relative
25 Aunt or bro.
26 German coal region
28 Monastery dweller
31 "Star Trek" physician
34 "— — old cowhand ..."
35 Cell aggregate
36 Aladdin, e.g.
37 Makes light of
38 City near Lillehammer
39 Ascend
40 Strains, as an engine
41 Writer's concern
42 Its logo is an eye
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44 Place for laundry
45 — spumante
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51 Kinda drift
55 Beluga product
56 Singer Paula —
57 Moppets
58 Watches the kids
59 Fogg's creator
60 Subarctic tribe
61 Thin board
62 Shaggy beasts
63 Unyielding
64 Raised railways

Down

1 Stand-up performer
2 Pablo's girl
3 Boxer, maybe
4 Dredge up
5 Freezer name
6 Take care of
7 Banana stalk
8 Gilda of "SNL"
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11 Window ledge
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15 Sharp — — tack
20 Chop —
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Aries Reduce stress by helping someone you care about. What you learn from the experience will help you come up with a plan that will solve a personal dilemma.

Taurus Focus more on doing things and spend less time making assumptions or letting your emotions reign. Get involved in something that allows you to show off your skills.

Gemini You can figure things out as you go. Procrastination will lead you nowhere fast. It's up to you to make decisions and follow them with actions.

Cancer Stick to your plans and honor your promises. Someone depending on you will be grateful for your help and will reward you with something quite unexpected.

Leo Stay calm, regardless of what others do or say. It's up to you to maintain a professional attitude and do whatever you can to bring about positive change.

Virgo Get involved in activities that will test your stamina. Physical improvements will encourage you to make a romantic suggestion that will promote a happier personal life.

Libra Invest in your future. Education, networking, traveling and bringing about overdue changes to the way you do things and your overall direction will be fruitful. Trust in your instincts.

Scorpio Pick up information and make personal changes that will lead to new opportunities. Love and romance are encouraged and will set the stage for a better future.

Sagittarius Double-check any information you are given. Ask questions and offer suggestions. Don't be a follower when you should be taking the lead and doing things your way.

Capricorn You'll be drawn to an interesting prospect. Your insight and ability to size matters up and act quickly will put you in a good position for advancement.

Aquarius A serious approach to the changes you want to make at home will bring good results. Make an emotional plea to someone you know can help you achieve your goal.

Pisces Don't let anyone stifle your plans. Make changes at home that will ease your stress and make you happy. It's a good day to negotiate and sign contracts. **EUGENIA LAST**

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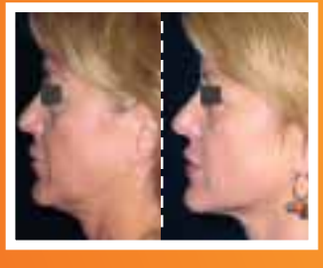

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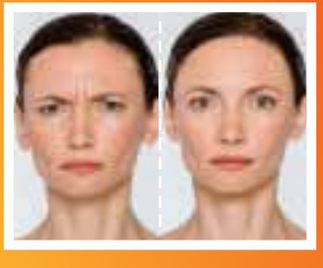

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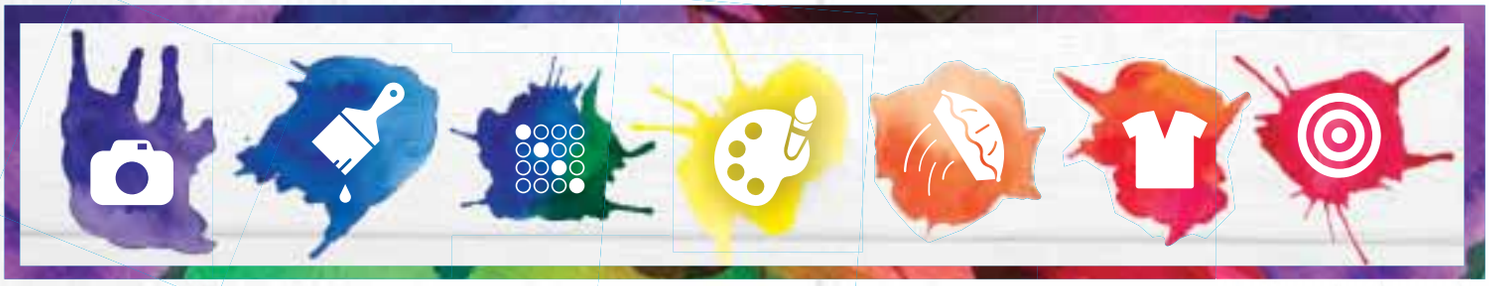

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